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Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Office of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Sub Alliance 5 Sand, Reservoir A  
Southwest Gueydan Field  
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **CIMAREX ENERGY COMPANY** for the calling of a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Sub Alliance 5 Sand, Reservoir A, in the Southwest Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, for which a public hearing was held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 30, 2004, under Docket 04-1050 to establish rules and regulations and to create a drilling and production unit for the Sub Alliance 5 Sand, Reservoir A. An order is pending in this matter.

1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize the Cimarex Energy Company – Hebert No. 1 Well as alternate unit well for the SUB ALL 5 RA SUA, in the Southwest Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, said well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. To find that this well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the reservoir covered by the unit which cannot be so drained by any existing well within such unit.

3. To permit the operator to produce the unit allowable from the existing unit well, the proposed alternate unit well or both, at the discretion of the operator.

4. Except to the extent herein set forth, to continue in full force and effect the provisions of the order to be issued for the Sub Alliance 5 Sand, Reservoir A, in Southwest Gueydan Field.

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

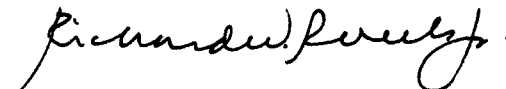
The Sub Alliance 5 Sand, Reservoir A, in Southwest Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, is defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 13,025 feet and 13,082 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Cimarex Energy Company – Henry Heirs No. 1 Well, located in Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 2 West, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

The proposed alternate unit well will permit efficient and economic recovery of hydrocarbons underlying the unit, will not cause harm or injury to offset owners, and is needed to satisfy the market demand for gas and condensate from the field.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the applicant's proposal along with a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00 **made payable to the Office of Conservation** representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservation  
cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

